

2016 Horny Toad Hustle Race Notes

Distances

Pro / Cat 1 / SS / "Open" / Coll A Men: 1 long and two short loops = 34 miles

Cat 2 / Coll B Men / Coll A Women: 1 long and one short loop = 24 miles

Cat 3 / Coll C Men / Coll B Women: 1 short loop = 10.5 miles

Description

This is a mountain biker's race course. Overall, it is a pretty quick ride. It is not the most difficult XC course out there, but it is also not the easiest. It features some fast, smooth sections that connect a series of more difficult and challenging sections. These trails have broken and contused collar bones, arms, ribs and fingers. (Thankfully, we have had no significant race day incidents, and we would like to preserve that safety record). The "technical" sections have some good lines and some lines that could have consequences. We strongly recommend that you take the opportunity to pre-ride the race loop to help avoid any unpleasant surprises at race pace. Please ride within your comfort and skill level.

The course has been described, mapped, GPSed, and flagged. We also have a fantastic crew of race day marshals. However, it is each racer's personal responsibility to understand and follow the course. Do not shortcut and do not get lost (please).

The long loop is flagged in pink ribbons.

The short loop mostly follows the long loop – but it has two bypass sections to avoid some of the more difficult areas.

Where the short loop deviates from the long loop, it is flagged in green ribbons.

Expected race starts

It is a challenge to route racers of different abilities and distances on the same course. To minimize conflicts, we will send the short loop racers out first with a significant head start. We can expect that the faster long loop racers will catch some of the slower short loop racers. If so, be nice, communicate, and let the faster riders pass through.

8:00 – Men: Cat 3 / Coll C

8:02 – Women: Cat 3 / Coll B

8:30 – Men: Pro / Cat 1 / "Open" / Coll A

8:32 – Women: Pro / Cat 1 / "Open"

ALL SingleSpeeds

8:35 – Men: Cat 2 39 and under / Coll B

8:40 – Men: Cat 2 40+

8:42 – Women: Cat 2 / Coll A

(Juniors start with their category)